

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Community Relations
Thursday, February 9, 2017
5:00 PM***

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

Open Meeting

Public Participation

Approve Minutes from 11/14/2016, 1/17/2017

Human Rights Commission Nominations

Expansion of Buffer Zones - Starting the discussion

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Cindy Starks Subcommittee Chair



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Approve Minutes from 11/14/2016, 1/17/2017

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
▢ Minutes	11_14_2016_Community_Relations_.pdf	11 14 2016 Community Relations Draft Minutes
▢ Minutes	Community_Relations_Meeting_January_2017_(1).docx	1 17 2017 Community Relations Draft Minutes

Community Relations Meeting Monday, November 14, 2016
Meeting called to order at 4:32pm

Attendance:

- Cindy Starks
- Kathy Bodie
- Jennifer Susse
- Len Kardon

Public Participation:

None

Approval of draft minutes from last meeting (10/16):

Change Super coffee from 7 to 7:30-9

- Approve with change moved by: Jennifer
- seconded by: Len
- Approved

Any update on dashboard?

No further work has been done as of yet.

Still planning for January release.

Will try to get an update again in December.

Any update on creation of union negotiation planning groups?

No update, first meeting this Friday (11/18/16).

Think about the year and what we want to do with forums, etc.:

- November 14 7am – superintendent coffee – how did it go? About 25 people there, went very well. Will have another one in January and then again perhaps in May.
- Any further thoughts on parent university? That would be for a future year.

We are thinking about having forums at these times, but did not flush out the details.

- Common Core/Educational Vision and how they are related (Spring-April/May, integrate into technology showcase “Reimagining Education”) – still need to think about how we can integrate with this event, if possible.

- Homework (February/March) – not sure what the goal on this one is and how we address the differences that we are going to see elementary/middle/high school. Believe that there is usefulness in the discussion, but want to make sure it is well directed and that people feel their time is used well.

We talked about inviting the Vision 20/20 education group to our next meeting to see what they are thinking and what they want to do. Figure out ways to work together.

School Committee open office hours – idea was well received at school committee meeting. Wanted to figure out how often? How long?

We thought that perhaps we should do 2 people there each time.

We would have it the first Saturday of the month each month at Kickstand Café from 11-12.

We would start in December.

Cindy will create a sign-up sheet and send it around.

It was suggested we run it by Doug H first, just to make sure, so Cindy sent email on 11/14. Doug's response is that there is no issue with this and that he thought it was a great idea that he hoped the public took advantage of.

Talked about the fact that there is a shortage of after school spaces in the after school programs at many elementary schools.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Community Relations Meeting Monday, January 23, 2017
Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm

Attendance:

- Cindy Starks
- Kathy Bodie
- Jennifer Susse (5:30)
- Laura Chesson
- Bill Hayner

Public Participation:

None

No copies of draft minutes from last meeting (11/16), will approve next meeting.

Dashboard

- Enrollment - all set
- Budget - all set
- Student Outcomes – will link to DESE Arlington web page
- Staffing – would like to see total numbers: admin, teachers, support staff, other; Diversity of staff (pie chart)
- Technology – would like to see at each level how much technology we have, etc.

Union negotiation planning groups being created for these topics:

- Calendar
- Elementary ½ day
- Evaluation
- Flex Days

Forums/Talks/Etc

- Vision 20/20 & Schools – Reimagining Education (March) and might integrate with technology showcase

- Homework – decided that although much is going on, this is more informational and will be rolled into the superintendent's monthly update

- Keep thinking about parent university perhaps for next year

Vision 20/20 education group – still working, next meeting is 2/9

School Committee open office hours:

- Go over notes from Jeff & Bill
- Cindy creating sign and getting to next team for February
- People should keep track about what they are asked

- All slots are now full – Cindy shared schedule and will remind people about their days

Will plan another superintendent's coffee in March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.